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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, the 2nd August 1965

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Anti-Hindi agitation

* 21 *Q.*—Sri K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons who were arrested on Republic Day in connection with the Anti-Hindi agitation;

(*b*) the party affiliations of persons arrested ; and

(*c*) the names of Members of the Madras Legislature and Parliament who were arrested in this regard?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 2,311.

(*b*) 2,294 persons were members and sympathisers of the D.M.K. and 17 persons were members of ' We Tamils '.

(*c*) The following are the names of the Members of Parliament and the State Legislature who were arrested :—

1. Sri D. Ramabadran, M.P.
2. Sri Rajaram, M.P.
3. Sri R. Muthu, M.P.
4. Sri C. N. Annadurai, M.P.
5. Sri R. Chezhian, M.P.
6. Sri R. Dharmalingam, M.P.
7. Sri K. Manoharan, M.P.
8. Sri Sivasankaran, M.P.
9. Sri C. G. Viswanathan, M.L.A.
10. Sri Munu Adhi, M.L.A.
11. Sri V. Krishnamoorthy, M.L.A.
12. Sri A. Thangavelu, M.L.A.
13. Sri N. Rajangam, M.L.A.
14. Sri A. Durai Arasan, M.L.A.
15. Sri M. Karunanidhi, M.L.A.
16. Sri T. Thiagaraja Kaduvatti, M.L.A
17. Sri T. P. Alagamuthu, M.L.A.
18. Sri M. S. Mani, M.L.A.

19. Sri Anbil Dharmalingam, M.L.A.
20. V. R. Nedunchezhian, M.L.A.
21. Sri S. Madhavan, M.L.A.
22. Sri P. U. Shanmugham, M.L.A.
23. Sri S. Murugiah, M.L.A.
24. Sri R. Sampangi, M.L.A.
25. Sri Pulavar Govindan, M.L.A.
26. Sri Kanchi Manimoziyar, M.L.A.
27. Sri Rama Arangannal, M.L.A.
28. Sri K. A. Madhiazhagan, M.L.A.
29. Sri S. S. Rajendran, M.L.A.
30. Sri K. Anbazhagan, M.L.C.
31. Sri C. P. Chitrarasu, M.L.C.
32. Sri K. R. Ramaswami, M.L.C.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: May I know the reasons for these arrests?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I think the hon. Member has given the reasons in this question.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Were these Members arrested only when they were actively taking part in the Anti-Hindi agitation or in prevention of it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mostly these arrests were made as a preventive measure.

DR. H. V. HANDE: How many were arrested in the night on 25th January 1965?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I do not have that data.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன்: தலைவர் அவர்களே, குடியரசு நாளில் நடைபெறவிருந்த துக்கநாள் கூட்டத்தில் பேசுவதாக இருந்தவர்களைத் தவிர சம்பந்தப்படாதவர்களையும் கைது செய்து இருக்கிறார்கள். அப்படி சம்பந்தப்படாதவர்களைக் கைது செய்ததற்கு அரசாங்கம் என்ன காரணம் கூறுகிறது?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: அரசாங்கம் போதிய காரணத்தோடுதான் அவர்களைக் கைது செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். அவ்வளவுதான் நான் சொல்ல முடியும்.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Many of the Members were arrested at midnight. What is the reason for it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: If certain people were arrested in the night, the idea was to prevent any action on their part on the subsequent day.

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திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, கைது செய்யப்பட்டவர்கள் எல்லாம் பின்னர் எத்தனை நாள் கழித்து விடுதலை செய்யப்பட்டார்கள். தேவையான காலத்திற்கு மேல் தொடர்ந்து அவர்களைக் காவலில் வைத்ததற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : எவ்வளவு நாள் வைக்கவேண்டுமோ அதுவரையில் வைக்கப்பட்டு இருப்பார்கள். எத்தனை நாள் பொறுத்து அவர்கள் விடுதலை செய்யப்பட்டார்கள் என்பதற்குத் தனியாகக் கேள்வி போடவேண்டும்.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Is it a fact that though the Government gave an assurance that they would not be unnecessarily arrested and that they would not be prevented from holding meetings, they arrested them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am not aware of any such assurance.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether there is not any provision either in the Criminal Procedure Code or in any other law to arrest these people for such things as participation in the Anti-Hindi agitation which are minor in nature?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is a matter for argument before a Court of Law if there is any case.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Are the Government aware that such indiscriminate arrest of the Opposition Members is very, very derogatory to the democratic principle of Parliamentary Opposition?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not accept there were any indiscriminate arrests.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : In a democratic State where we are supposed to be ruling in a democratic manner, if some people feel that the introduction of Hindi is detrimental to their interests, in what way do the Government expect them to express their feelings?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Hon. Members may have their own conceptions of a democratic State.

Grant to meet the salaries of teachers

* 22 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of aided secondary schools in the State in which the total amount of Government grant for payment of salaries to staff falls short of the total amount of salaries paid to teachers as entered in their service registers;